



AMENDED PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 03, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Ridgeway Community Center - Room 101/102 208 Jarvis Street, Ridgeway, WI 53582

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Casper at 6:33 pm.

PRESENT: President Brad Butler, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Trustee Julene Garner, Commissioner Melissa Hooks, Commissioner Tara Meckley, Parks & Streets Superintendent Kevin Meckley, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk

Present via Zoom: Chair Michele Casper

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Riniker confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on Feb 27, 2026, at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent via email/text to subscribers. The Amended version was posted on Mar 2, 2026 at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Members of the public may address the Park and Recreation Commission during this time. Comments are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker. The Park and Recreation Commission will **not engage in discussion or take action** on items presented during public comment. However, issues raised may be referred as needed or scheduled for discussion at a future meeting.*

Rock Reeson spoke re youth baseball and need to charge this year for shirts/hats. Suggested funds raised for last year could cover it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by B Butler, seconded by C Niehaus to approve the consent agenda, with the change of item #7 being moved to beginning of New Business. Motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted: Meeting Feb 3, 2026.
2. Adoption of Agenda
Agenda item #7 moved to beginning of New Business so B Butler could depart early.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Ryan Bohnsack-Dodgeville School District
Not present at time, so presented after item # 5 on agenda.
Ryan voiced appreciation for the collaboration between Ridgeway and Dodgeville in the use of DV students to assist in our events. Would like to stay involved and offered contact info to be sure going forward it stays that way. Mentioned having a student rep be present at our board meetings.
4. Garage Sales
Ridgeway will partner with Barneveld to have 'city-wide' garage sales on May 15-17. BV will create a map and residents will be put on it for a \$5 fee and will get balloons to mark their property.
C Niehaus requested it be expanded to start on Thursday. Members agree this could be an annual event.
5. Library updates
Riniker met with Dodgeville DPL and shared items and ideas discussed. Funds are available for programming, and they will renew movie license. Options about summer programs were discussed.
6. Fundraising ideas
Various fundraising ideas were discussed such as Brewers game, WI Dells casino/outlet mall, rib cookoff in Aug and chili cook off in Nov., galactic Bingo.
Members thought doing just as a community event would be better. Ideas will be researched.
7. Main Street Project
B Butler passed along info that P&R members are needed to attend info sessions to discuss greenery and 'gateways' for project.
8. April meeting date
Meeting moved to March 30, 6:30pm due to elections on April 7.

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9. Easter egg hunt
Casper shared A Christiansen will not be doing eggs this year so need to find alternate option.
Still need an Easter Bunny - C Niehaus checked contacts and found someone.
Request for all leaves to be raked prior to planting eggs.
10. IDC celebration - bookings
Discussed various bookings for music and possible popsicle truck.
C Niehaus shared info about Haven's Petting Zoo option.

Casper shared she is firming up the schedule and should have it by next meeting.

Farmer's Market will only be 10am-1pm.

Will work on booking other items.

11. Financial program funds

Programs funds were approved by Board. M James will reach out and coordinate with C Niehaus.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J Garner, seconded by C Niehaus to adjourn. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING.